Manufacture of colour Picture tubes by APEDC

3160. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are schemes for the manufacture of colour picture tubes by Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation in collaboration with M/s. Philips of Holland ;

(b) if so, details of the same and whether the necessary sanctions have been accorded to the schemes ;

(c) whether the Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation has applied for enhancement of capacity of production in respect of the above than originally contemplated;

(d) if so, whether any decisions have been taken in regard to "b" and "c" above; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (e) M/s. Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation have submitted a Composite proposal for enhancement of capacity of their Letter of Intent from 0.5 million nos. per annum to 1 million nos. per annum and foreign collaboration with M/s. Phillips, Holland for the manufacture of Colour Picture Tubes. The proposal has not been accepted.

Pay Scales of Pharmacists

3162. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government agreed and recommended in 1974 and 1986 to grant the pay scales to Pharmacists at par with Diploma holders in other disciplines ;

(b) if so, what are the details of recommendations and action taken to implement the recommendations;

(c) whether Government had a meeting with the representatives of the Joint Council of Pharmacists on the 4th September, 1986 to discuss on the discrimination in pay scales and promotional avenues for Pharmacists ; and

(d) if so; the details of the demands agreed to and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (d) A deputation of Joint Council of Pharmacists met the Minister of State for Health and F. W. on 4th September, 1986 and submitted a memorandum containing their demands. The position regarding demands is as follows :—

Demands	Action taken
(i) Parity in pay scales to Pharmacists at par with Diploma holders in other disciplines.	(i) The demand of the Pharmacists to grant the pay acale at par with diploma holders in other disciplines were considered in consultation with Ministry of Finance. As the pay scales of *other diploma holders in* nursing, electrical, electronics and civil engineering etc. were already higher than that of Pharmacists, a view

Demands	Action taken
	was taken in January, 1987 by the Government that there was no justification to further revise the scales of Pharmacists.
(ii) Promotional posts . . .	(ii) In order to prevent stagnation, Government is undertaking Cadre review of Group 'C' & 'D' category of posts periodically in the various institutions under the Ministry of Health and F.W. which will cover Pharmacists also.
(iii) Non-Practising Allowance .	(iii) Not accepted.
(iv) Risk Allowance . . .	(iv) Not accepted.
(v) Restructuring of Pharmacy Services.	(v) As regard this demand, this could be considered as and when the restructuring of the Dte. General of Health Services and Hospital Services is taken up.

Spread of Malaria in Koraput district of Orissa

3163. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of people in Koraput district Orissa are affected by a new kind of malarial disease ;

(b) if so, the details of the investigation made on the causes of the disease; and

(c) the steps taken to eradicate Malaria from those areas of Orissa where it is now spreading?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) No, however as per the studies conducted by Vector Control Research Centre, Pondicherry of the Indian Council of Medical Research at Koraput district of Orissa, 9 cases were found positive for P. Ovale malaria.

(c) Steps taken to control Malaria in Orissa include :

1. Timely and adequate spraying with appropriate insecticides in areas with Annual parasite incidence 2 and above.

2. Active surveillance with fortnightly visits for early detection and treatment of Malaria cases.

3. Health education activities with mass-media, Radio, Television etc., to create public awareness for prevention of the disease :

4. In order to control the spread of the P. falciparum infection, P. falciparum containment programme is being implemented in the affected areas with the assistance of Swedish International Development Agency.

5. Antilarveal measures with appropriate larvicides reduce the mosquito breading places are being carried out regularly in urban areas.

6. Intensification of biological and environmental control methods for malaria.